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October Farm Labor

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October Farm Labor Survey. Wage rates and number of hired workers were reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ralph V. Matthews

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Director

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 29,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2011. Hired workers worked an average of 50.7 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.45 per hour.

The annual average number of hired workers for the Mountain I Region for 2011 was 25,000 workers, up 11 percent from 2010. The average annual wage rate for the Mountain I Region for 2011 was \$10.55, up six cents from the 2010 average annual wage rate.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.15 per hour during the October 2011 reference week, up two cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.54 per hour, up five cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.67 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The

field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.57 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

The 2011 all hired worker annual average wage rate was \$11.07, up one percent from the 2010 annual average wage rate of \$10.95 per hour. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was \$10.33 per hour, up 14 cents from last year's average. The field and livestock combined annual average wage rate at the U.S. Level was \$10.36, up one percent from last year's annual average wage rate of \$10.22.



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